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SUBJECT: CODEL ZABLOCKI VISIT TO POLAND, OCT. 14-18, 1975

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1. THE ZABLOCKI DELEGATION VISIT TO POLAND WAS A FITTING FOLLOW UP TO PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO WARSAW AND KRAKOW IN JULY AND AN UNQUALIFIED PUBLIC-RELATIONS SUCCESS. THE HIGH-LIGHT OF THE VISIT WAS THE CORNERSTONE-LAYING CEREMONY FOR A 240-BED REHABILITATION WING (PHASE III) FOR THE AMERICAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, TO WHICH THE US AND POLAND WILL CONTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY \$4 MILLION EQUIVALENT. DURING THE VISIT THE POLES ANNOUNCED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE III WILL BEGIN IN MAY, 1976, FAR EARLIER THAN THE 3-TO-5-YEAR CONSTRUCTION LEAD-TIMES NORMALLY ENCOUNTERED HERE, AND A STRONG INDICATION OF POLISH EFFORT TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM ON THIS PROJECT. ALSO ON OCT. 15, CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE OF LAW FROM THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY IN AN ELABORATELY STAGED CEREMONY. HIS ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS CONTAINED FORCEFUL PLEAS TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY ON CSCE BASKET III ISSUES. THE EMBASSY IS POUCHING THE TEXT OF THE ADDRESS TO DEPARTMENT FOR OES AND EUR/EE. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THESE EVENTS WAS EXCELLENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE KRAKOW AREA.

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2. THE POLISH MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE, AS

OFFICIAL HOST FOR THE DELEGATION, DISPLAYED EVERY COURTESY AND ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. A SURPRISE ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL WELCOMING PARTY, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WIESLAW ADAMSKI, WHO ALSO HEADS THE POLONIA SOCIETY, UNDERSCORED POLISH DESIRE TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN POLONIA.

3. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI'S DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN OLSZOWSKI ON OCT. 15 AND FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK ON OCT. 16 WERE NOTABLE FOR THEIR LENGTH (EACH WELL OVER ONE HOUR), CANDOR, AND FRIENDLINESS. CONTENTS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTELS.

4. IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW, THE EXTRAORDINARY WARMTH ACCORDED CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI IS DUE NOT ONLY TO THE CURRENT EXCELLENT STATE OF US-POLISH RELATIONS, BUT ALSO TO A DESIRE BY THE POLISH LEADERSHIP TO SIGNAL THEIR APPRECIATION TO CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI PERSONALLY FOR HIS EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS IN CONGRESS TO WORK TOWARDS CLOSER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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